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1. Following clearance with the Bureau of the Budget, I talked with Col. R. J. Clizbe, Deputy Director of the Office of Legislative Liaison of the Department of the Air Force, concerning the request received from Mr. Darden, of the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, that we supply him with appropriate language to repeal CIA's 1951 authorization for construction of a building. I pointed out to Col. Clizbe that this authority ran to the Secretary of the Air Force because in 1951 there had been a desire to minimize any impact upon the public which might arise from CIA moving out of the center of Washington. I stated that as several years had passed since we had secured this authority I wanted to be certain that the Air Force realized what we were doing in repealing it. Shortly thereafter Col. Riley, Chief of the Legislative Division of the Air Force, called to state that in their opinion Sec. 510 of S. 1765 was sufficiently broad to serve as a repealer of all authorizations prior to 1 October 1951, and as the CIA authority was signed on 28 September it would be automatically repealed by the passage of the currently proposed legislation. I pointed out that the exception of clause 1 of Sec. 510 might conceivably nullify any repealer and that perhaps specific language would be necessary. Col. Riley checked on this point both with Mr. Darden and Mr. Smart, of the Armed Services Committees staffs, as well as with a specialist on General Provisions in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, all of whom stated that in their opinion there was no question but that Sec. 510 would serve as an appropriate repealer of prior authority and that no further language was needed to secure this aim.

2. The DCI and DD/S met this morning with Gov. Adams, Dr. Flemming, Col. Goodpaster, Gen. Bragdon, and Donald Belcher (Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget), during which meeting the Government's position was reaffirmed that CIA was to receive an exception to Government dispersal standards, and could therefore locate its new headquarters in or near the District of Columbia. Mr. Belcher then produced a draft of a proposed revision of Title IV of S. 1765 and H. R. 5700 which would authorize an additional \$8,500,000 to CIA for transfer to the Department of the Interior for the construction of an extension to the George Washington Parkway if CIA were to locate at the Bureau of Public Roads Research Station at Langley, Virginia. With slight revisions, I cleared this language with Roger Jones, Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

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3. In connection with the possibility that we might finance the construction of the new CIA building with FY 1953 or 1954 funds, Mr. Houston has secured language from Lyle Fisher, General Counsel of the General Accounting Office, which would be acceptable to them to accomplish this purpose. However, the Bureau of the Budget will review this situation carefully to determine whether such funds should be utilized or new monies employed. (On 15 June Mr. Hamilton, of the Bureau of the Budget, pointed out their concern in this regard on the basis that to utilize the old funds might upset the secure pipeline of transmittal of CIA funds into the Treasury).

4. Col. White and I talked with Mr. Darden regarding the insertion of a revised Title IV in S. 1765 and explained the necessity for the revision if CIA were to utilize the Langley property. Mr. Darden said he would handle this with the Committee and that he thought there would be no need for discussing it individually with any of the Senators. However, he did feel that a letter might be in order to the Chairman explaining the reason for the insertion and also the fact that the Administration had reaffirmed its position on the necessity for CIA to be located near the White House and other Government agencies.

5. Col. White also delivered to Mr. Smart, Chief Clerk of the House Armed Services Committee, a copy of the proposed revision to Title IV of H. R. 5700, and explained to him the reaffirmation of the Administration's position. Mr. Smart stated that the House Committee had favorably reported out H. R. 5700 that morning and that therefore it would not be advisable to seek to amend the bill on the House Floor. He recommended that we insert the revised language in the Senate bill which had not yet been reported out and then seek to have it accepted in Conference. He also suggested that we furnish Chairman Vinson with a letter calling his attention to these facts.

6. Col. White and I talked with Cong. Mahon, who is Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee which will handle the appropriation for the CIA building. Chairman Mahon appeared sympathetic to the need for a building, but was somewhat disappointed that Chairman Vinson had not built a published record in this connection. We assured him that the Senate hearings were to be published and were quite full. He felt that

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there was no major security problem involved and that his full Military Appropriations Subcommittee should hear the testimony, to which we agreed. Mr. Mahon did not appear overly sympathetic to the use of prior year funds for financing the building, and seemed to have a preference for a new appropriation. Mr. Mahon said that hearings would commence on the Military Construction Appropriations bill on 20 June, but that we might not be reached until the week of the 27th.

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